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(U.S. Government Organization Manual, 1958-59, Revised as of June 1, 1958, G.P.O., p. 193.



THOR (USAF Project) - USAF plan to launch military reconnaissance satellite with recoverable capsule by spring 1959 revealed; test firing planned for October 1958; THOR missile to be used as booster; plans revealed as Senator Johnson's Subcommittee publishes extracts of M/G Schriever January 9 testimony; details secret; Schriever reports project dates to 1946 when Rand Corp. got contract to determine feasibility of satellite; reports USAF got enough funds 'a few months ago' to put projects on systems basis (integrating satellite, launching vehicle, and other components).

Jan. 15, 1958, New York Times, 1:5.

NRO review(s) completed.